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1. On 26 January 1952, only nine swept-back jet fighters which were covered with dark brown tarpaulins were observed on the northern edge of Finow airfield. Visibility was poor. There was intensive activity near the warehouses on the northern edge of the field between the Finow-Finowfurt railroad line and the approach road to the field. Soviet soldiers were working on swept-back jet fighters which were in aircraft crates. The

(1) Eleven crates were counted. Five other crates which were slightly smaller and painted dark green were observed near a warehouse. the latter crates had arrived in Finow by rail in late December 1951. (2) When the freight train with the green crates passed, a Soviet officer had allegedly called out "There are the new planes". the air force unit which was located in Finow at the period of observation consisted of a small number of cadre personnel who made tests flights with the new aircraft. The old unit had probably been transferred to the U.S.S.R. in December 1951. The soldiers made extensive purchases, prior to their departure. (3) Three Soviet soldiers were quartered in two wooden huts at the end of the runway on the southwestern corner of the field. Two rubber covered cables extended from one hut to five searchlights on the western edge of the field.

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2. On 30 January, 20 MiG-15s, 7 single-engine, low-wing monoplanes and 6 biplanes were at the field. More jet planes were possibly located there, but they could not be observed because of the poor visibility. There was no flying. No change was observed on the radio installations. Motor vehicles

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3. Between 8:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. on 1 February, there was no flying at the field. Six MiG-15s, 6 single-engine, low-wing monoplanes and 1 biplane were at the field. Five other MiG-15s and 5 single-engine, low-wing monoplanes were estimated there. The runway was covered with snow.

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4. At 9 a.m. on 1 February, a train of 1 boxcar, 14 closed freight cars and 1 locomotive, was observed in Finow-Diesenthal. A label with the inscription "explosive" and a red bomb insignia was on the freight cars. The train proceeded toward the south. (4)

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The information that the old unit was transferred to the U.S.S.R. is correct. However, the transfer was effected already in October 1951. [redacted] the new personnel belongs to two new fighter regiments which have not been fully equipped with aircraft or personnel. About 30 MiG-15s were reported at the field by [redacted] late January 1952.

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An ammunition dump is possibly located near Biesenthal. However, its existence has not been confirmed. The report does not indicate whether the train carried Soviet Army or Air Force equipment. [redacted]

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